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SUBJ: IIE KOREAN STUDENT RENEWAL SUPPORT

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COMMISSION SHARES DEPARTMENT CONCERN RADICALLY INCREASED FOREIGN STUDENT COSTS. COMMISSION COMMITMENT FOURTEEN FOREIGN STUDENT GRANTS MADE SEPTEMBER 1973 BEFORE SUBSEQUENT OIL CRISIS AND DEPARTMENT PROHIBITION ASSISTANTSHIPS NEW KOREAN STUDENTS. COMMISSION FEELS PROJECTION WAS JUSTIFIED BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE AND FACTS KNOWN THEN. COMMISSION HOWEVER WISHES COOPERATE IN FULFILLING COMMITMENT MADE KOREAN NEW AND RENEWAL STUDENTS. FOLLOWING PY1974 ALLOCATION SHEET PROPOSAL BASED ON GIVING ALL AMERICAN GRANTEES WHO OVERLAP PY1974 AND PY1975 GRANTS FROM PY1974 FUNDING ONLY TO FEBRUARY 28, 1975, SUBJECT TO AUTOMATIC RENEWALS UNDER PY1975 FUNDING; PAYING ONE-WAY TRAVEL ALL KOREAN AND AMERICAN GRANTEES PY1974 FUNDS; AND COMMITTING RETURN TRAVEL FROM PY1975 FUNDS; REDUCING OTHER PROGRAM COSTS BY 3,000 DOLLARS. THESE PY1975 COSTS MADE UP BY DRASTICALLY REDUCING PY1975 KOREAN STUDENT GRANTS TO THREE OR FOUR. PROPOSED ALLOCATION SHEET CHANGES FOLLOW:

1. FUNCTION 320. TOTAL 15,546 DOLLARS. WILEY AT 3,686 AND TRAVEL AND/OR SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPORT NINE AMERICAN PROFESSORS.

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2. FUNCTION 290. TOTAL 4,986 DOLLARS ONE KOREAN RESEARCHER FIVE MONTHS.
3. FUNCTION 390. TOTAL 2,336 DOLLARS ONE AMERICAN RESEARCHER.
4. FUNCTION 241. TOTAL 40,000 DOLLARS KOREAN STUDENT RENEWALS.
5. FUNCTION 240. TOTAL 61,545 DOLLARS NEW KOREAN STUDENTS INCLUDING 11,145 KOREAN CURRENCY FOR FIFTEEN ONE-WAY TRAVEL GRANTS AND 50,400 DOLLARS U.S. CURRENCY FOR FUNDING TWELVE GRANTS.
6. FUNCTION 340. TOTAL 20,823 DOLLARS THREE NEW AND THREE RENEWAL STUDENTS.
7. OTHER PROGRAM. TOTAL 30,556 DOLLARS INCLUDING 1,500 DOLLARS STUDENT COUNSELING, 25,977 HOUSING AND 3,079 OTHER ACTIVITIES.
8. PROGRAM OPERATIONS. TOTAL 67,042 DOLLARS.

TOTAL BUDGET REMAINS 242,834 DOLLARS INCLUDING 7,500 DOLLARS KOREAN CONTRIBUTION. COMMISSION WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE.

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